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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: IMPRESSIONS OF ECONOMY MINISTER MONDELLI

REF: BUENOS AIRES 1185

1. AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS CALLING MONDELLI FEB. 20 WERE STRUCK WITH HIS WORN AND HAGGARD APPEARANCE. HE IS SIGNIFICANTLY OVERWEIGHT AND HIS COMPLEXION QUITE FLORID. HIS HANDS SHOOK BADLY AS HE LIT ONE CIGARETTE AFTER ANOTHER. SPEAKING IN A NERVOUS, THEATRICAL STYLE, MONDELLIN COMPLAINED OF THE TREMENDOUS VOLUME OF WORK HE FOUND ON HIS DESK AND THE TRYING PROBLEMS HE HAD INHERITED. HE MADE A POINT OF SAYING HE WAS WORKING SEVEN DAYS A WEEK.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM THOSE WHO HAVE KNOWN HIM THAT MONDELLI HAS ALWAYS TENDED TO BE THIS WAY. SEVERAL CONTACTS HAVE ASSERTED THAT HE MAY HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM. MEETING HIM FOR THE FIRST TIME, OUR IMPRESSION WAS OF A MAN IN BAD PHYSICAL CONDITION AND UNDER EXTREME STRAIN. ASSUMING HE IS NOT TURNED OUT OF OFFICE SOON BY POLITICAL EVENTS, WE WONDER IF HE WILL PROVE PHYSICALLY CAPABLE OF REMAINING IN THE JOB.

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